

### Tell No One

Matthew 12: 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; **16 And charged them that they should not make him known:** 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment (*krisis*) to the Gentiles. 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax (*linon*) shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment (*krisis*) unto victory (*nikos*). 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust (*elpizo*).

*Quoted from Isaiah 42:3 and fulfilled:*

Isaiah 42: 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment (*mispat*) to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised (*rasas*) reed (*qaneh*) shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth (*emet*). 4 He shall not fail (lose potency, color) nor be discouraged (*rasas*), till he have set judgment (*mispat*) in the earth: and the isles shall wait (patient hope) for his law (*tora* – from *yara* meaning to flow or extend forward).

Appointed by God

Pharisees oppose – seek counsel to destroy – remove oneself

This is a “tell no one” existence

Judgment (*mispat/krisis*) to Gentiles and isles

These wait in patient hope

These need the Word (*tora*)

Judgment to *emet*

\*Restore the reed (jealousy of God, but also the function to the TTT )

\*Restore the vital function of the smoking linen committed to intercession

### **Biblical instances of the “tell no one” theme**

#### 1. Preventing false narrative

People expected a national liberator, not an obedient intercessor. Public spectacle would have ignited a different narrative than sonship.

##### Key texts

- Mark 1:43–45 – Leper healed, told to tell no one
- Mark 7:36 – Deaf-mute healed
- Matthew 9:31 = blind men healed
- Matthew 12:16–21 – Explicitly linked to Isaiah 42

Miracles alone do not produce understanding or application: amazement ≠ discipleship.

#### 2. Controlling the timing of revelation

Premature fame would accelerate conflict before the appointed time.

##### Key texts

- Mark 5:43 – Jairus's daughter raised
- Mark 8:26 – Blind man at Bethsaida
- Matthew 9:30 – Two blind men healed

Revelation develops - it is not instantaneously complete. Jesus revealed Himself on *God's* schedule, not public demand.

#### 3. Rejecting testimony from unclean spirits

Even accurate statements are rejected if the witness is corrupt/evil.

##### Key texts

- Mark 1:34 – Demons silenced
- Mark 3:11–12 – Spirits forbidden to make Him known
- Luke 4:41 – “You are the Son of God!” — silenced
- *See also* Apostle Paul and the girl possessed by divination

#### 4. Identity must be understood through the sacrificial enablement of the Cross

\*\*\* Read the conclusion of Isaiah 42

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Key texts

- Mark 8:29–30 – Peter's confession
- Mark 9:9, Luke 9:21 – After the Transfiguration (“until after the resurrection”)